

HO-1041

Seward Family House
1704 Woodstock Road
Private

DESCRIPTION:

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SIGNIFICANCE:

The Seward Family House lot was purchased by Eva Seward of Baltimore City in 1912, and was a much larger parcel at that time. When she sold it in 1923, Seward had already sold off some of the land, and had moved to Howard County. It is possible that she built this house for herself. Seward was unmarried and sold the property to John and Martha Seward, who also lived in Howard County. They, in turn, moved to Baltimore County and sold the property in 1932 to Rutherford and Julia Seward. The house is a standard one-story cottage/bungalow hybrid, without the dormer that typified most larger bungalows, but with a porch across the front and projecting bays on the sides that a plain cottage or shotgun house often did not have. The floor plan was typical of a bungalow, too, with rooms ranged in a line from front to back on one side of the house, and rooms off of them on the other side of the house. The use of open eaves was popularized by the craftsmen houses of Gustav Stickley and others, and was common with bungalows. The cottage/bungalow hybrid was a popular house type throughout the first three to four decades of the twentieth century. The one datable feature to the Seward house is the mantel, which is typical of the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries, and would be more likely c. 1912 than c. 1923. Rutherford and Julia Seward sold the house to Clara and Oscar Stansfield in 1951.

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Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Seward Family House

other

2. Location

street and number 1704 Woodstock Road not for publication

city, town Woodstock X vicinity

county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Patrick Costello

street and number 3230 Bethany Lane, Suite 1 telephone 410-418-0900

city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21042

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 12770 folio 53

city, town Ellicott City tax map 10 tax parcel 136 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	0
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	0
			Total
			0

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

0

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☒ fair ☐ altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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DESCRIPTION:

The Seward Family House is located at 1704 Woodstock Road, on the northwest side of the road, and faces southeast toward the road, about ½-mile southwest of Woodstock in north-central Howard County, Maryland. The house is set close to the road on ground that slopes down to the northwest, and is the only building on the site.

House, exterior

The house is a one-story, three-bay by three-bay frame bungalow with a poured concrete foundation, wood shingle siding, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a northwest-southeast ridge. There is a brick chimney in the center of the ridge. The southeast elevation has a center door with Queen Anne lights of nine lights with wide muntins, and there is head-cut trim. There is a new one-over-one sash to each side, also with head-cut trim. There is a three-bay-wide, one-story porch across the front that has a new flagstone deck, chamfered concrete piers, and battered wood posts that are also chamfered. There is a rectangular handrail with square balusters. The porch soffit has slats that follow the pitch of the rafters. The gable end has a semi-circular four-light sash in a square opening. The eaves are boarded now, with the boards following the pitch of the rafters, but the eaves were originally open, and still are on the northeast bay.

The southwest elevation south bay has a projecting cantilevered bay with a gable roof that has a northeast-southwest ridge, and it has paired one-over-one sash. The center and west bays each have a one-over-one sash. Beneath the west bay is a frame addition with a shed roof. The northwest addition has a one-over-one sash on the southwest, and has asphalt-shingle siding.

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The northeast elevation east and center bays are covered by a shed-roofed addition with a CMU foundation and plywood on the walls. The southeast elevation of this addition has a door. The north bay is a projecting cantilevered bay with a gable roof that has a northeast-southwest ridge and paired one-over-one sash. The northwest addition has a CMU foundation, wood shingles on the northeast, with a door there, and asphalt shingles on the northwest. It was built in two stages. The northwest gable end has a square one-light sash.

House, interior

The bungalow has two rooms across the front, in the east and south corners, one room in the north corner, behind the east room, and two rooms in the west corner, behind the south room, plus a room in the northeast addition and two rooms in the northwest addition (one of them a bathroom). There is 2 1/4-inch oak tongue-and-grooved flooring that runs northeast-southwest throughout the first story. The front door opens into the east room. There is plain baseboard and head-cut trim, which are typical for the house, and the walls and ceiling are plaster on lath. There is a wood mantel on the northwest that originally had a dark oak finish, but is now painted white. It has thin Corinthian columns and a victory wreath on the frieze, and it has a patera with ribbons at the bottom of the wreath. The mantel shelf edge is moulded with an ovolo above a cavetto, and there is a short board overmantel. This was never a functioning fireplace. To the north of the mantel is a doorway with a new door. There is a wide doorway on the southwest that contains new doors. The trim here has a large bead on the outer edge, and there is no evidence that the opening has been altered. The trim has a natural dark finish under white paint. The front door architrave is a varnished medium oak that has been painted white. There is a doorway on the northeast that was cut through later.

The south room has a bay on the southwest and typical baseboard and architrave. The north room has typical baseboard and now has drywall on the walls, with faux brick on the northwest and a brick base for a stove here. There is a bay window on the northeast, set to the north, with a closet added to the east. In the south corner is a brick chimney that has had the plaster on it removed; it has a stove pipe hole on the northwest side. The southwest has a doorway that is all new material. The northwest doorway has head-cut trim of dark oak that has been painted white, and has a five-lying-panel door with no lock.

The west room has typical baseboard and architrave. There is a door on the southeast that has four panels with sunken fields, and a door on the northwest that has five lying panels, a mortise lock with no knobs, and butt hinges with ball finials. The southwest-center room has typical baseboard and architrave, which is of pine and was always painted. The bathroom in the northwest addition has modern fixtures. The southeast wall has drywall over top of wood shingles. There are stairs from the northwest addition, but they are in the main block, at the northwest end of the north room. The attic is unfinished and has 2 by 6 dimensional rafters that are mitered at the ridge, with flush board sheathing.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1912

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register☐ Maryland Register☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See footnotes

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 38,227 sq. ft.
Acreage of historical setting 38,227 sq. ft.
Quadrangle name Sykesville

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 10, parcel 136, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	October 2011
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

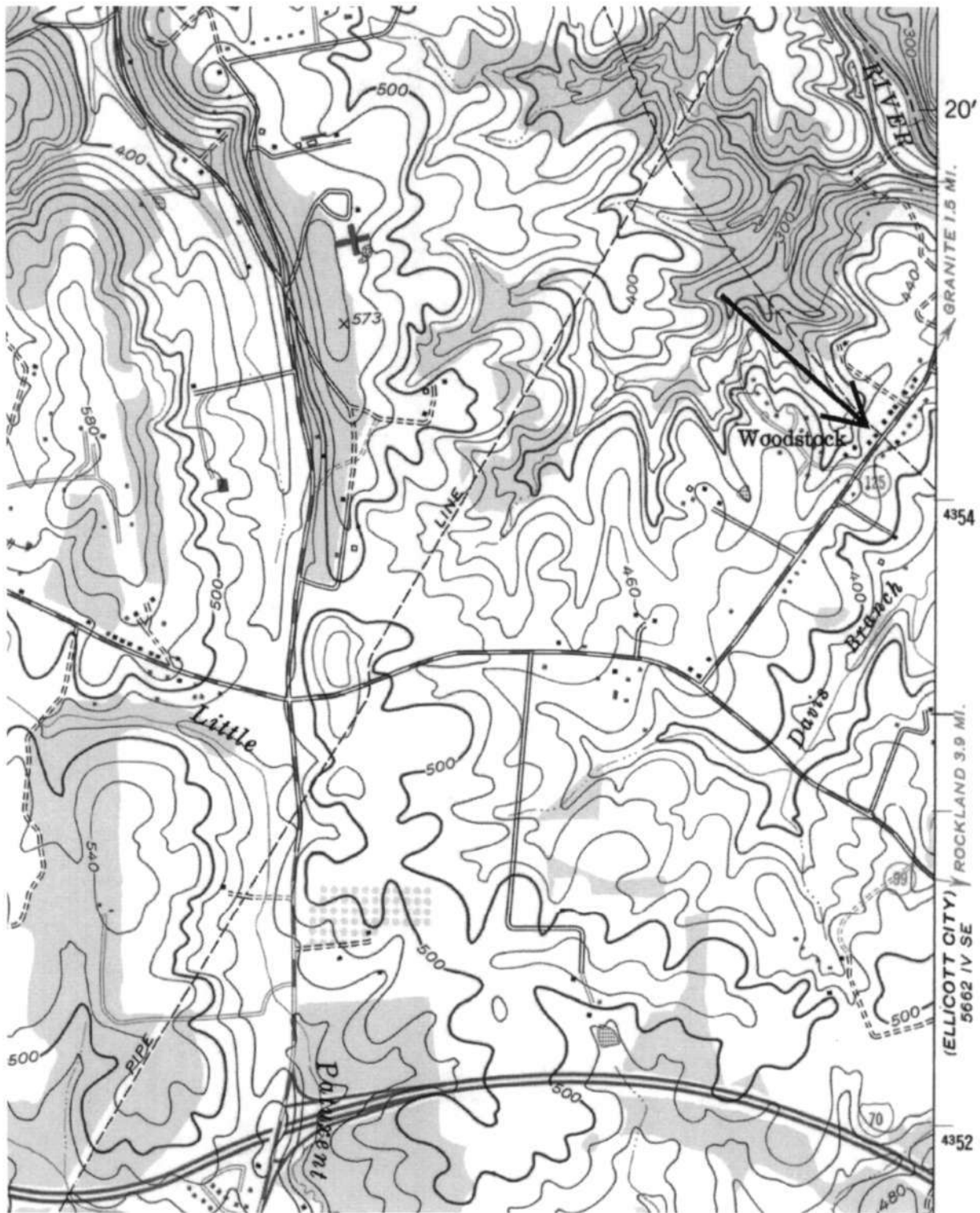
The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER- ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
S. Patrick Costello / ?	Residential Title Land Holding LLC / MD	13 Sept. 2010	MDR 12770-53	Deed – fee simple	\$0	A. .8776 A B. .9737 A	
CIBM HSBC Bank USA / ?	S. Patrick Costello / ?	30 Aug. 2010	MDR 12745-471	Deed – fee simple	\$160,000	A. .8776 A B. .9737 A	Foreclosure
A. Oscar Stansfield / Howard	Floyd & Frederica G. Collins (H/W) / Howard	28 Oct. 1958	RHM 323-5	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	.355 A	CBS d. 28 Oct. 1956
Jane C. Peach / Howard	Clara B. & A. Oscar Stansfield (H/W) / ?	21 July 1951	MWB 225-454	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	? - .355 A	N. side Woodstock Lane
Clara B. & A. Oscar Standfield (H/W) / Howard	Jane C. Peach / ?	21 July 1951	MWB 225-452	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	? - .355 A	See plat MWB 5-117
Rutherford E. & Julia R. Seward (H/W) / Howard	Clara B. Stansfield / ?	11 June 1951	MWB 225-163	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	? - .355 A	
John E. & Martha E. Seward (H/W) / Balto. Co.	Rutherford E. & Julia R. Seward (H/W) / ?	13 Oct. 1932	HSK 144-374	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	?	
Eva M. Seward, unmarried / Howard	John E. & Martha E. Seward (H/W) / Howard	18 Sept. 1923	HBN 118-503	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	?	Minus part of below sold by EMS
George A. Umphrey & wf Ida M. / Howard	Eva M. Seward / Balto. City	21 Oct. 1912	WWLC 94-3	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	19+ A – 6 A	
William L. Wise & wf	George A. & Ida Umphrey	6 Mar. 1912	WWLC 92-419				



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Sykesville quad

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Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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Southeast elevation

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Northeast & northwest elevations

HO-1041_2011-05-17_03
Southwest & southeast elevations

HO-1041_2011-05-17_04
East room mantel



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Southeast elevation

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Northeast + northwest elevations

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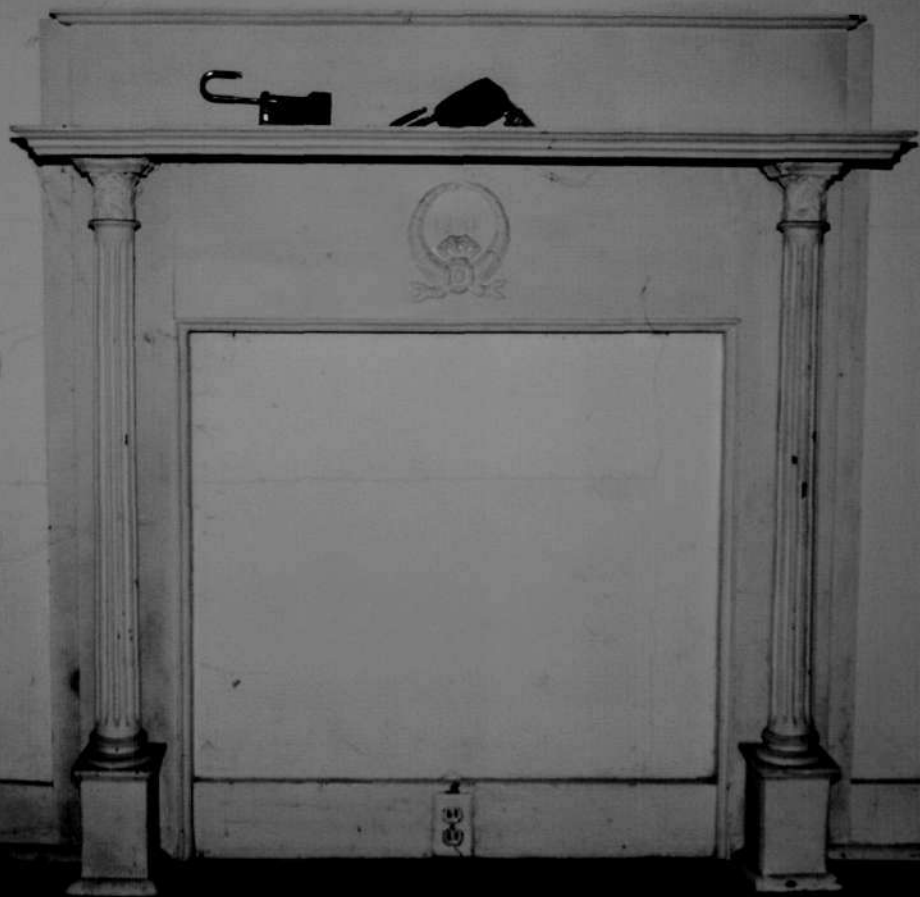
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Southwest + Southeast elevations

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EAST room mantel

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